

# Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

## Minutes 7 March 2022

### Present:

Carole Dixon (Chair)	Hastings Community Network
Chris Broome	Sea Change
Steve Manwaring	HVA
Cllr Kim Forward	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Andy Patmore	Hastings Borough Council
Simon Neill	ESFR
Lourdes Madigasekera-Elliott	Public Health East Sussex
Mark Turczanski	Hastings Voluntary Action
Sean Dennis	Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Helen Kay	HOA
Teresa Andrews	HARC
Tracey Rose	Hastings Community Network
Tracy Dighton	Hastings Community Network
Vanessa Biddiss	Optivo Housing Association
Victoria Conheady	Hastings Borough Council

### Guest Presenters:

Fiona Bennett	Sussex Innovation
Michael Ratcliffe	CXK
Jude Day	SCDA
Emma Baxter	Sussex NHS Commissioners
Jess Steele	Hastings Common

### Apologies for absence:

Darrell Gale	Public Health East Sussex
Jane Hartnell	Hastings Borough Council
Rebecca Newby	East Sussex County Council
Candice Miller	NHS East Sussex
Clive Galbraith	Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Jacki White	Optivo

<b><u>29</u></b>	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b>	
	None Received	
<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (CHAIR)</u></b>	
	Minutes of the meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> December Accepted as an accurate record.	
<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>CHAIR ROTATION AND THANKS TO CLIVE GALBRAITH</u></b>	
	Victoria Conheady, Assistant Director Regeneration and Culture, HBC	

thanked Carole Dixon for her time as chair. Victoria gave thanks to Clive Galbraith for over 15 years of support he has given to the LSP. He has chaired three times and overseen 3 reviews of the LSP in that time. The Chair also gave thanks to Clive and spoke about his drive to see change and to avoid making the same mistakes. Underneath Clive's humour and wit lies a drive and determination to bring about improvements for the town and to create hope for the future of its people.

**32**      **LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER DISCUSSION**

Victoria Conheady, Assistant Director Regeneration and Culture, HBC presented:

- Published at the start of February 2022 there are 5 pillars. Clear and ambitious medium-term missions set by government. Realigned Government decision-making so it aligns to levelling up. Empowering local decision-makers. There will be a new levelling up advisory council and annual levelling up reports and will transform the collection
- There are 12 missions: increased pay employment and productivity rise in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing. Investment into research and development, local transport connectivity will be closer to London standard, the UK will have nationwide gigabit capable broadband and 4G coverage. 90% of children to achieve expected standards in primary school reading, writing and maths. High skilled training to increase in every region. The gap in healthy life expectancy between local areas where it is highest and lowest to narrow. Wellbeing to improve in every area of the UK. Peoples pride in where they live and engagement in local culture will rise. Renters will have a safe pathway to ownership. Homicide, serious violence and neighbourhood crime rate will drop and every area of England that wants a devolution deal will have one.
- Funding will be the Levelling up Fund, towns fund and the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)
- How will this affect the public, private and third sectors in Hastings? How could it affect the LSP work?

The meeting discussed how the absence of an academic partner in Hastings and East Sussex will impact the work of the LSP and discussed how the aims of Levelling Up can be achieved by 2030. An area highlighted was the employment of people with disabilities or long-term health conditions which is a present issue in Hastings and area to focus on. It was highlighted how the crisis in Ukraine could influence any funding in the coming months.

The chair suggested aligning some of the LSP working groups with some of the 12 missions. The chair also suggested that the questions of how this will

affect the sectors in Hastings and how it will affect the work of the LSP be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

**33**     **YOUTH FUTURES BID FOR HASTINGS**

Michael Ratcliffe, Business Improvement Manager CXK presented:

- CXK currently delivers national and regionally funded services in the community, custodial and school settings supporting over 300 000 individuals each year through their services.
- The funding will have two phases: **Phase 1 (June 2022 Dec 2023)** Fund 6-8 partnerships to explore problems with employment support for young people facing disadvantage and mobilise local stakeholders around a shared ambition for change. Grants of up to £125,000 in Phase 1 for a period of 18 months. **Phase 2 (Jan 2024 onwards)** Fund collective local efforts to deliver on these ambitions in 2 4 of the places supported during Phase 1. Grants of up to £1.5m in Phase 2 for a period of 3-4 years to selected places from Phase 1.
- If successful the project will focus on 3 cohort: Young people with experience of the care system, young people with physical or learning disabilities, young people who are long term unemployed.
- And the project will focus activities in the following areas – own Centre and Castle Ward, Central St Leonards, Gensing, Hollington and North East Hastings

The meeting discussed how chaotic families and cultural influences affect young people.

**34**     **COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUNDING PROJECTS IN HASTINGS**

**HVA and VCSE Future Proofing Initiative**

Steve Manwaring HVA, reported to the meeting he is about to publish a trends paper about volunteering. During the pandemic there was a growth in volunteering. A draft report will be published in May, with the final being published in June.

- Research to date has shown the heavy reliance on volunteers during COVID-19 and how volunteering is changing and how we can best respond to local demand. The Institute of Volunteering is undertaking research in Hastings to understand better the local trends
- The second focus is that those most in need sometimes experience considerable difficulty knowing about, accessing and navigating services. There is a joint project being developed with CAB 1066 to map users journeys and look at how technology can be used to establish a basis for a more joined up journey.
- The third is to equip organisations with better knowledge and information and support local activity. This will be though more

systematic training, learning and an induction offer around the assets that we've got in the town and also ways in which people can access into them.

### **Hastings 2066**

Jess Steele presented: Hastings Commons

Jess advised that the CF funded project was being reviewed currently and that today's presentation would focus on the concept of Hastings Commons

- Slides were shown explaining that since 2014 building have been taken into custodian ownership making 50 workspaces, 10 homes and unique community spaces
- The next step is The Observer building. By this summer the lower four floors will have been completely renovated. There are plans to renovate the exterior of the upper floors and bring this in to use.
- Hastings Comms role is to create space for people forever. So keep bringing spaces into perpetual community ownership, keeping them open, affordable, safe, clean, welcoming and collaborative.
- To make it normal to know your neighbour and contribute to the commons, to look out for each other and look after places

The meeting asked what the focus of the bid was. Jess explained it is the Observer building itself and developing digital extended reality style content that will both reach lots of different people in the town but particularly young people and businesses

### **Minding the Gaps**

Jude Day SCDA presented:

- Minding the Gaps is a partnership between SCDA, ESC, 3VA and HARC and will be externally evaluated by CurvedThinking. SCDA is the lead organisation.
- MtG identified gaps in AEB funding for sector specific qualifications or 'tickets to operate' in a range of sectors (construction, IT and digital, care etc) which matches the skills deficit in the county.
- Project has employed OT to engage wot projects in the area and partners with HARC to ensure participants maximise their income and with 3VA to support volunteering
- DWP is interested in the project especially the employment element of the project.

### **Innovation Masters Programme**

Fiona Bennett Sussex Innovation spoke to the partnership:

The aspects of the CRF program are to drive innovation and growth within

the business community across East Sussex. The project is county wide and is aiming to unlock the potential tap into opportunities for growth. There are 4 work programmes

- 'Hit Squad' is aimed at targeting 5 large businesses across the county. This is being researched now with discussions with local councils and seeing where the most impact can be made. Understanding some of the businesses that work with local councils within the communities that we might be able to go to take a team to do some bespoke consulting and help them drive innovation and even more jobs within.
- Innovation Master class series is a traditional webinar style delivery mode. Lead by academics and Sussex Innovation consultants, a series of eight webinars talking about the different aspects of innovation, from the search for opportunities to implementing managing invasion, the lean start-up canvas, creativity, sustainability and funding innovations as well.
- Innovation readiness boot camp is six areas of online discussions and master classes, combined with some coaching helping those participants to have the opportunity to look at their pitch decks where they're getting ready for funding. The top sort of six businesses will have an opportunity then to present and pitched to live investors in a Dragons den style.
- The final area is the Lean Innovation TV series. Filming in businesses over the last few weeks. This is aligned to the Innovation Master class series, the webinars with the academics from the University of Sussex and using the same consultants.

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**SUSSEX NHS COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**  
**CARDIOLOGY AND OPHTHALMOLOGY**

Emma Baxter Public Involvement Manager East Sussex, Sussex NHS Commissioners presented:

- There is a growing and ageing population with patients' needs have become more complex.
- The proposal for Cardiology is to have a Specialist cardiology inpatient services site. This would improve staff recruitment and retention, improve quality and safety, set up Cardiac Response Teams in the emergency departments and "hot clinics" providing rapid assessment at both hospitals.
- The proposal for ophthalmology would be to bring the service together at two hospital sites instead of three. The service provided at Conquest hospital would move to Bexhill Hospital. This would improve recruitment of clinical staff, ensure the best use of existing equipment and enable future investment in new equipment.

	Emma was asked regarding hospital transport and how community transport can react to the changes. Emma requested this be submitted to the consultation to ensure it is considered.	
<u>36</u>	<u>A.O.B</u> None.	